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SUBJECT: VISIT OF POLISH MAYORS

REF: WARSAW 2197

1. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT POLES HOSTED DELEGATION OF US MAYORS LAST SUMMER IN WHAT HAS BEEN AN ONGOING EXCHANGE. CONSEQUENTLY, DEPARTMENT FEELS OBLIGED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESPOND TO POLISH EMBASSY OVERTURE TO RECEIVE RETURN DELEGATION IN CONNECTION WITH US CONFERENCE OF MAYORS (COM) MEETING JUNE 26-JULY 1. COM HAS HOSTED SEVERAL PREVIOUS POLISH MAYOR DELEGATIONS AND DOES A SUPERB JOB OF PROGRAMMING. IT ALSO SELECTS US MAYORS FOR VISITS TO POLAND IN ALTERNATE YEARS.

2. PRACTICE IN PREVIOUS EXCHANGES HAS BEEN FOR POLES TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON. DEPARTMENT COVERS PER DIEM AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL UNDER A DIRECT GRANT TO COM. DEPARTMENT ALSO PROVIDES ESCORT-INTERPRETER. COM PROVIDES ESCORT OFFICER, AT ITS EXPENSE, AND FUNDING TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS SUCH AS HOUSING IN BETTER CLASS HOTELS, REPRESENTATION, RECEPTIONS, ETC. WE BELIEVE
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THAT POLISH RELATIONSHIP WITH COM IS WELL WORTH CONTINUING.

3. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT POLISH MAYORS NEED NOT
SPEND FIVE DAYS AT ANNUAL US CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN
MILWAUKEE AND WILL SUGGEST THIS BE REDUCED.

4. CU/EE PREPARED TO FUND THIS PROJECT IN FY 76 AND
WILL SEEK FUNDS TO INCREASE POST ALLOCATION ACCORDINGLY.
REQUEST PRIORITY CONCURRENCE. KISSINGER

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